

Lake Andes
WPA
Narrative Report

PORT NIOBRARA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
VALENTINE, NEBRASKA

January 15, 1942

The Director,
Fish and Wildlife Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the Narrative Report of operations at the WPA Project, Lake Andes Refuge, Lake Andes, South Dakota, for December, 1941. WPA field records as to the status of the labor and non-labor funds have not been made available to us this month, but will be furnished and included in our January report, which will, in all probability, be the final report of this project.

It appears that due to the shortage of non-labor money, and the inability of the County Commissioners to provide same, that the project will be closed as soon as the dike work is completed and the project shop site cleaned up.

Very truly yours,

KENNETH F. MACDONALD
REFUGE MANAGER

cc: Regional Office

LAKE ANDES REFUGE

LAKE ANDES, SOUTH DAKOTA

WPA Project O. P. 65-3-74-91

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December, 1941

An average of 48 men were employed during the month. Generally fair weather prevailed, and further progress was made toward completion of the dike project.

A total of 4,000 square feet of rock riprap was placed on the South Dike, completing this phase of the construction. A sufficient quantity of crushed rock is on hand to complete the remaining 2% of the chinking and surfacing of the riprap.

A total of 1788 cubic yards of lake bed sand was placed on the dikes, - this to be road-mixed with clay, for surfacing. (Chas. Mix County road crew with equipment, cooperating).

All guard rail posts have now been treated, placed and painted, a total of 1070. Twenty posts on the west end of the north dike are to be re-set, being too low considering the rising elevation of the dike end.

Riprapping of the drain ditches, to protect the dike against drainage from the roadways, is about 50% complete, and will be finished during January.

Tar, apparently poured to make a water-proof seal between the flash boards and channel in the control works, is to be removed to permit movement of the flash boards if desired.

It is estimated that from 10 to fourteen days will be required to complete the project, raze or remove the buildings on the Project site, remove material and clean up the site in a satisfactory manner. This work will continue until January 20th or later.

The sheet piling is to be removed to the "Acquisition Area", and the stake and panel truck to the Fort Niobrara Refuge.

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NORTH DIKE - LAKE ANDES REFUGE
Completed January 29, 1942.



SOUTH DIKE - LAKE ANDES REFUGE
(completed January, 1942.)